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Marcia Redick First Recipient Of "Long Neck" Award

In March, The West Tennessee Valued Day Project honored its first recipient at a Full Project Team Meeting in Memphis.

The Long Neck Award was given to Marcia Redick of Mentor. The Long Neck Award honors those individuals or groups of individuals who routinely do what's right and "stick their neck(s) out" in an effort to enable people, including themselves, to experience an ordinary life.

Marcia Redick has advocated, demonstrated respect and taken action on behalf of people, regardless of whether it was her responsibility to do so.

She has stuck her neck out for people and takes risks in order to ensure that the right things are being done on behalf of the people she is supporting.

Johnnie B. is one of those people that Marcia continues to encourage and empower to make choices based on interests.

Marcia went beyond her "routine" job duties as a residential support person and began assisting Johnnie to find a job of his choice. Marcia had confidence in Johnnie's abilities to get the job done! Now, Johnnie is employed on the maintenance crew at McDonald's.

The Valued Day Project is pleased to extend this award to Marcia. This exemplifies the work effort that is needed to assist the people we support in being more independent. Our congratulations also goes out to Johnnie on his new job!

Well done Marcia and Johnnie!
Keep up the good work.



Marcia Redick's extra efforts as Residential Support Person results in Johnnie B. being employed in the community.

WEB POSTINGS <http://www.state.tn.us/mental2/>

Announcements, draft policies, final policies and information bulletins all appear on our Web site. Recent activities include:

FINAL POLICIES

POLICY NUMBER	POLICY TITLE	CONTACT PERSON	EFFECTIVE DATE
DMRS 1998-59 REVISED	Restraint & Protective Equipment	Dr. George Zukotynski	9/1/00
DMRS 1998-61 REVISED	Psychotropic Medication	Dwan Allen	9/1/00
DMRS 2000-77 (Supersedes DMRS 1998-57)	Behavior Supports	Dr. George Zukotynski	9/1/00
DMRS 2000-78 (Supersedes DMRS 1998-53; 1998-54; 1998-58)	Behavior Support & Human Rights Committees	Dr. George Zukotynski	9/1/00
DMRS 2000-79 (Revised)	Continuity of Care: Psychiatric Facilities	Dr. George Zukotynski	9/1/00

INFORMATION BULLETINS

BULLETIN NUMBER	BULLETIN SUBJECT	CONTACT PERSON	DATE ISSUED
00-08	Pre-move Checklist	Dave Shoemaker	6/19/00
00-09	Annual Physicals	Debra Hedges	6/19/00
00-10	Billing for Behavior Analyst & Behavior Specialist	Kellie McCain	6/26/00
00-11ISC	Agency Internal Quality Enhancement/Monitoring	Alicia Cone	7/5/00
00-12	Sanctions for Late Reporting to State Investigators and Leaving People Unattended	John Kaufman	7/7/00
00-13	Advocacy Services for Remedial Order & Settlement Agreement Class Members	Sharon Perry-W Elisabeth Gerlock-M Susan Sweetser-E	7/12/00

Parents Encouraging Parents

Parents Encouraging Parents (P.E.P.) provides parent to parent support and information to families of children with a disability, chronic illness or a special health care need.

The program is based on the belief that parents can support each other by sharing their knowledge and experience. It offers emotional



support and understanding; reliable, current information; and, assistance in locating local and national resources and services.

P.E.P. has no income or eligibility guidelines. The services are free to families and available as quickly as possible upon request. All information is kept confidential.

For more information, or if you would like to be a volunteer as a resource parent, call:

Northeast TN 423-439-5923	Jackson Area 901-421-6756
Knoxville Area 423-549-5315	Union City Area 901-884-2645
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